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Barnes & Noble  
Civil War Book Club  
Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst  
February 20 – 7:00 p.m.

**W**e had a great year and look forward to seeing you this year. The upcoming book is:

***Fields of Blood: The Prairie Grove Campaign*** by William Shea.

Find out about upcoming books: contact Mike Mahiques: 652-0474 [mmahiq@aol.com](mailto:mmahiq@aol.com).

**E**veryone is welcome—you do not need to read the book to take part and enjoy. The Book Club meets the 3rd Monday each month, except December.

See calendar for dates and watch for book announcements in *The Harp*.

**Next Meeting  
February 9**

### Lincoln Birthday Ceremony

Buffalo & Erie County  
Historical Museum  
February 11, 2011

Arrival at noon  
for lunch  
Details to follow



### 2012 Officers

In December, the following persons were elected to this year's Board of Directors and the Civilian and Military commands:

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2012

### Meeting Schedule

Below is the calendar of meeting dates. Always remember to check *the Harp* for changes and updates.

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Jewish Center of Greater Buffalo 2640 North Forest, Getzville, NY.

#### February 9

March 8

April 5

May 10

Sept 20

Nov 8

Dec 13

Please note that the meeting schedule in 2012 is different than in past years. There will be no meetings in: June, July, August, and October.



### Membership Renewal

#### Did You Forget?

If you have not renewed your membership, please do it right away so you can continue to receive news and can register for events. Dues are \$20 (\$40 family).

# Call to Arms!

## The Excelsior Mess One Last March

### Mumford, NY July

This summer the old company will form up for one last time; to march, to fight, to renew acquaintances.

On the weekend of July 14-15, 2012, the Excelsior Mess will have a reunion. All old Excelsior members who register, will be able to join this company for the weekend.

Captain Jim Fraboni will lead the company as part of the Union battalion.

To Register: George Shadman is handling registration. Registration information will be arriving shortly. When it does, please fill out the form and send it with your registration fee.

There is a deadline to register. There will not be any late registrations this year.

Soldiers, civilians, musicians from the old Excelsior are welcome to join the activities. If you wish to attend but not participate, there will be spectator registrations as well.

Camping will be campaign style, with dog tents being the largest canvas in camp.

There will be accommodations for anyone wishing to camp in a larger tent. George has information on this.

If you wish to be contacted with reunion details, George Shadman by email: [shadman148@comcast.net](mailto:shadman148@comcast.net). him your e-mail address. If you do not have email, contact David Bertuca who will make sure that you receive the materials by postal mail.

The reunion is being held on the 30th anniversary of the Mumford event, so two special things are happening this July!

(If you recognize anyone in the picture, then you probably were in the Excelsior Mess.



If you recognize anyone in the picture on page 3, then you are probably too old to be out in the field anymore, but happy 150th to you!

### Possible Events to Attend

#### Army of the Ohio Event List

Big Events for the Year  
September 8-9  
150th Anniversary

#### Battle of Antietam

### MARYLAND MY MARYLAND

Boonesboro, MD

<http://www.marylandmy-maryland.org/>

On September 8-9, 2012 the Southern Division in conjunction with the Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau will be hosting "Maryland, My Maryland," a reenactment of the Battles of **South Mountain** and **Antietam**, commemorating the 150th Anniversary.

The event will be held about 1 mile from Fox's Gap, and privately owned property. Boonsboro Md, within a stone's throw of South Mountain on new ground for us.

March 31-April 1  
150th Anniversary

### BATTLE OF SHILOH

Shiloh, TN

April 21-22  
Battalion Drill  
Scio, OH

July 14-15  
Genesee Country Village  
Civil War Reenactment

### Additional Events Being Considered at the February Meeting

March 2-4, 2012  
124<sup>th</sup> NYVI

Winter Encampment

March 28-April 1, 2012  
150<sup>th</sup> Shiloh, Tennessee  
140<sup>th</sup> NYVI putting together bus, with stops in Buffalo and Columbus, OH

April 21-22, 2012

Army of the Ohio Drill  
Scio, OH

Combined arms drill (infantry, cavalry, artillery)



May 4-6, 2012

150<sup>th</sup> McDowell, Virginia

[www.battleofmcdowell.org](http://www.battleofmcdowell.org)

Public battle on Saturday. Reenactor only battle Sunday on original battlefield. Bob Minton — Federal Commander, Chris Anders — Rebel commander.

These will be static camps. Think, a field of A-tents and Sibley's.

2. There will be a public battle on Saturday. Something generic for the locals to see. But it will be as authentic an experience as we can make it.

3. We are limiting the event to 2,000 total participants, with proper force ratios. Special detail to authenticity

4. Rations, patrols, etc.

ALL money beyond what it costs us to run the event goes to preservation.

May 12-13, 2012

Fort Niagara Artillery Weekend  
& Infantry Garrison

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*Let's Dance!*

## 155<sup>th</sup> Inter-regimental Social

February 25

Don't forget!

Make your reservation  
before January 31  
and get a discount

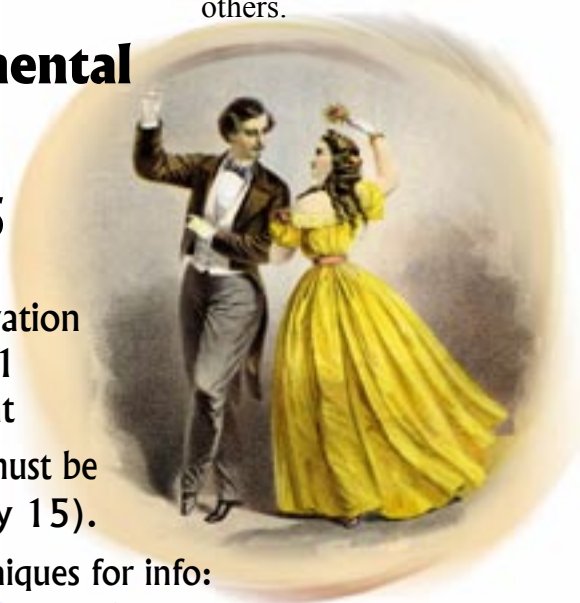
(All reservations must be  
made by February 15).

Contact Mary Mahiques for info:

[Mary.Mahiques@Century21.com](mailto:Mary.Mahiques@Century21.com)

The Reservation Form is also  
available online on our website.

See current newsletter link.



June 15-17, 2012  
150<sup>th</sup> Lee Takes Command  
**Seven Days Battles**  
Abel Farm, Pa. Chris Anders  
[www.leetakescommand.com](http://www.leetakescommand.com)

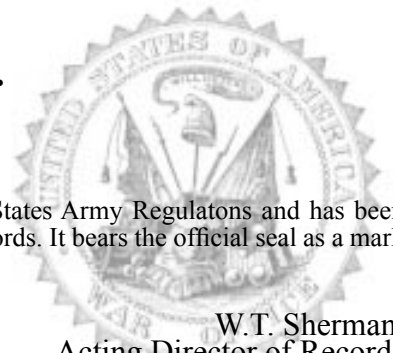
This event will be like *Return to Manassas*, on great ground portraying the Battles of Seven Pines, Hood's Dusk Assault at Gaines Mill, and the Battle of Glendale. Both Garrison and Campaign Military Camps, and a Mixed camp for those who camp with Civilians. Event limited to 2,500 participants. Court Abel is the US CO and Chris Anders is the CS CO. All Proceeds go to Britneys Hope Foundation, to help with the adoption of special needs children.

If we have interest, there is a possible joint company formaton with 140<sup>th</sup> NYVI and 148<sup>th</sup> NYVI, among others.

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W.T. Sherman,  
Acting Director of Records



# 1862/2012 ACTIVITIES & EVENTS SCHEDULE

11	February
9	Meeting
11	Lincoln Remembrance
20	Barnes & Noble Book Club
25	Interregimental Social
March	
2-4	124th NY Winter Encampment
8	Meeting
18	St. Patrick's Parade
19	Barnes & Noble Book Club
28-1	Shiloh 150th
April	
5	Meeting
16	Barnes & Noble Book Club
21-22	Army of the Ohio Drill, Scio, Ohio
May	
4-6	150th McDowell, Virginia
10	Meeting
12-13	Fort Niagara Garrison Weekend
21	Barnes & Noble Book Club
18	Hamburg Middle School Living History
June	
	NO MEETING
15-17	150th Seven Days Battles, Virginia
10	1812 Parade & Ceremony (200th Anniversary)
18	Barnes & Noble Book Club

July	
14-15	30th Annual Mumford Reenactment
16	Barnes & Noble Book Club
August	
?	Arcade Reenactment
18-19	Milton, Ontario Reenactment
September	
17	Barnes & Noble Book Club
20	Meeting
22-23	Fenton Museum Living History
October	
11	NO MEETING
15	Barnes & Noble Book Club
November	
8	Meeting (Nominations)
19	Barnes & Noble Book Club
December	
13	Annual Business Meeting (Elections)

Check this schedule regularly for the latest updates and changes.

- Regimental Meetings 7:00 P.M.  
Jewish Center of Greater Buffalo  
2640 North Forest, Getzville, NY. (unless otherwise announced)
- Additions/corrections to schedule, contact: David Bertuca


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